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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action dated May 26, 2006 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 26, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the remarks below.